

The Governor may provide for public hearings on all estimates and may require the attendance at such hearings of representatives of all agencies, and of all institutions applying for State moneys. After such public hearings he may in his discretion revise all estimates except those for the legislative and judiciary departments, and for the public schools as provided by law.

*Third.* The Legislature may, from time to time, enact such laws, not inconsistent with this section, as may be necessary and proper to carry out its provisions.

*Fourth.* In the event of any inconsistency between any of the provisions of this section and any of the other provisions of the Constitution, the provisions of this section shall prevail. But nothing herein shall in any manner affect the provisions of Section 34 of Article III of the Constitution or of any laws heretofore or hereafter passed in pursuance thereof, or to be construed as preventing the Governor from calling extraordinary sessions of the Legislature, as provided by Section 16 of Article II, or as preventing the Legislature at such extraordinary sessions from considering any emergency appropriation or appropriations.

If any item of any appropriation Bill passed under the provisions of this section shall be held invalid upon any ground, such invalidity shall not effect the legality of the Bill or of any other item of such Bill or Bills.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall at the next ensuing election, being the Presidential and Congressional election, to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection, in conformity with the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at the said election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be placed the following synopsis of said amendment, under the caption of

*"Constitutional Amendment Providing for a Budget."*

"This amendment provides that the Governor shall present to the Legislature soon after it is convened a budget, giving a complete plan of the proposed expenditure and estimated revenues for the two succeeding fiscal years, showing clearly any surplus or deficit in State funds. In these estimates he shall